Printing of BSNL Telephone Directories

†2734. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility to print and distribute the telephone directories rests with the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and these directories should be printed and distributed to the subscribers every year;

(b) whether it is a fact that directories have not been distributed in several divisions for the last 5-6 years;

(c) whether it is also fact that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Jaipur district has not got the directories printed so far; and

(d) whether any action would be taken against the District Officers of the Corporation for this negligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, Telephone Directory of Basic telephones of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is to be printed and distributed by BSNL for each Secondary Switching Areas (SSAs) with the main directory in the first year, followed by the supplementary directories in the following two years.

(b) Out of 332 SSAs, BSNL could not distribute telephone directories in 35 SSAs for last five year.

(c) The main telephone directory for Jaipur SSA has been released in the year 2003. The supplementary directories due in 2004 and 2005 could not be released as the tenders floated in 2004 and 2005 had to be cancelled due to non-fulfillment of mandatory tender conditions.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Software Technology Park in Bihar

†2735. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister o COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased t state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Bihar has handed over three

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